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IN THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) An oven rack comprising:

a first portion comprising a first side and a second side;

a support system attached to said first portion between said first and second sides, said support system comprising at least a first leg and a second leg rearwardly displaced from said first leg, said first and second legs attached to ~~extending a substantially equal distance from~~ said first portion;

a second portion extending obliquely from said first portion; and

at least one handle extending from said first side of said first portion.

2. (canceled)

3. (previously presented) An oven rack in accordance with Claim 1 wherein said support system comprises a plurality of legs extending from said first portion.

4. (previously presented) An oven rack in accordance with Claim 1 wherein said first portion comprises a plurality of first rods and a plurality of second rods, said first rods extending between said first side of said first portion and said second side of said first portion, said second rods attached substantially perpendicularly to said first rods.

5. (original) An oven rack in accordance with Claim 4 wherein said first rods and said second rods are substantially co-planar.

6. (original) An oven rack in accordance with Claim 1 wherein said at least one handle comprises two handles extending from said first side of said first portion.

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7. (original) An oven rack in accordance with Claim 3 wherein said plurality of legs comprises four legs.

8. (original) An oven rack in accordance with Claim 3 wherein said oven rack is configured to be used as a trivet on a countertop.

9. (currently amended) An oven comprising:

a cooking chamber comprising a bottom surface, and at least three sides;

an oven rack configured to rest on said bottom surface of said cooking chamber, said oven rack comprising a first portion having a first side and a second side; and

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a support system attached to said oven rack first portion between said first and second sides, said support system comprising at least a first leg and a second leg rearwardly displaced from said first leg, said first and second legs attached to said first portion ~~extending a substantially equal distance from said oven rack.~~

10. (currently amended) An oven in accordance with Claim 9 wherein said oven rack further comprises a ~~first portion~~, a second portion unitarily extending obliquely from said first portion, and at least one handle extending from said oven rack.

11. (currently amended) An oven in accordance with Claim 10 wherein said first portion further comprises ~~a first side, a second side, and~~ a plurality of first rods extending from said first side to said second side.

12. (original) An oven in accordance with Claim 11 wherein said first portion further comprises a plurality of second rods attached substantially perpendicularly to said plurality of first rods.

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14. (previously presented) An oven in accordance with Claim 9 wherein said support system comprises a plurality of legs extending from said oven rack.

15. (original) An oven in accordance with Claim 14 wherein said plurality of legs comprises four legs.

16. (original) An oven in accordance with Claim 10 wherein said at least one handle comprises two handles extending unitarily from said first portion.

B) 17. (previously presented) An oven in accordance with Claim 9 wherein said oven rack support system is further configured to prevent said oven rack from over-extending from said cooking chamber.

18. (previously presented) An oven in accordance with Claim 9 wherein said cooking chamber further comprises a door hingedly attached to said cooking chamber, said oven rack support system further configured to stabilize said oven rack against said oven door.

19. (previously presented) An oven in accordance with Claim 9 wherein said oven rack is configured to be used as a trivet on a countertop.